

# First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

December 7, 2025

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# Worship

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### **Prelude**

Mrs. Kathy Weiss

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Jordan Bernard

## ENTERING WORSHIP

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 134

<sup>1</sup>Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD! <sup>2</sup>Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD! <sup>3</sup>May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

### **\*Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #196

*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

## APPROACHING GOD

### **\*Prayer of Adoration and Confession and The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Micah 7:18-20

<sup>18</sup>Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. <sup>19</sup>He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. <sup>20</sup>You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

## **\*Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into Heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic\*\* church;  
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## **\*Doxology**

Red Trinity Hymnal #731

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### MEANS OF GRACE

#### **\*Psalm 116**

Blue ARP Psalter #191

*"I Love the Lord"*

#### **\*Prayer for Illumination**

#### **\*Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page #1003

Hebrews 4:14-16

### **Sermon**

*"Our Great High Priest"*

## **Prayer of Application**

### **\*Hymn of Preparation**

Insert

*“Behold the Lamb” (verses 1-3)*

## **The Lord’s Supper**

### **\*Words of Institution**

### **\*Prayer of Consecration**

### **Distribution of Elements**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

### **\*Hymn of Response**

Insert

*“Behold the Lamb” (verse 4)*

### **\*Free Offer of the Gospel**

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

<sup>14</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## **LEAVING WORSHIP**

### **\*Congregational Response**



*May the peace of God our heav’nly Father, and the grace of Christ the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within His love,  
And to Him be praise for His glorious reign. From the depths of earth to the heights of heav’n  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain, Christ Eternal, the King of Kings.*

*“Benediction” / Stuart Townend and Keith Getty / © 2005 Thank You Music*

# Sermon Notes

Hebrews 4:14-16 “Our Great High Priest”

# December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>30 CARE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>8:30 LCHC show-case rehearsal</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6:00 WFN</b>
<b>7 COMMUNION</b> <b>11:00 Congrega-tional Mtg.</b> <b>12:15 AE Circle</b> <b>5:00 Choir Re-hearsal</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>6:30 GIG Disci-pleship</b>	<b>10</b> <b>6:00 WFN</b>
<b>14</b> <b>12:15 Diaconate</b> <b>12:15 Men's &amp; Women's Christ-mas party</b> <b>5:00 Choir Re-hearsal</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>7:00 Session</b>	<b>17</b> <b>6:00 Last WFN</b>
<b>21</b> <b>5:00 Christmas Music Celebra-tion</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>6:00 Christmas Eve Service</b>
<b>28 MISSIONS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> <b>8:30 LCHC show- case / Christmas party</b> <b>1:00 JL Circle</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>1:00 Adult Fel- lowship Christ- mas party</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>8:00 Men's Pray- er Breakfast</b> <b>10:00 Choir Re- hearsal</b>
<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>
<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b>



## **ANNIVERSARIES**

6– Ed & Nancy Ogburn  
18– Sam & Susan Prete  
29– Jonathan & Caroline Williams

## **BIRTHDAYS**

1– Betty Allen  
9– Reuben Screpetis  
10– Naomi Screpetis  
12– Emily Tindal  
16– Rebekah Carson  
17– Holly Rivers  
24– Brant Avant  
26– Lathan Rivers  
28– Spencer Sims  
30– Geri Brazell

## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**9:15** Officer meeting  
**10:00** Morning Worship  
**11:15** Sunday School

# Announcements

**PRAYER REQUESTS** The reverse side of our attendance card is for all prayer requests. Members and visitors are encouraged to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate as you exit Worship.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** Our annual meeting will be held **TODAY** between morning Worship and Sunday School. During this meeting we will approve the 2026 budget and elect the next class of church officers. Copies of the budget are available at the side entrance.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP** We have 2 more weeks for Wednesday Family Night. Remember to sign up for weekly meals on the bulletin board or the church website.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** Those elected to serve as elders and deacons during the congregational meeting will be installed on December 21 during morning Worship.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** Our Christmas music program and church Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 21. Join us in the Sanctuary for a time of music and a message at 5PM, then move to the Fellowship Hall for a pot luck meal and holiday entertainment. Bring your favorite main dish, side dish, or dessert to share.

**OFFICE HOURS** The church office will be closed December 24-26 and December 31– January 2. Items for the bulletin are due by Monday of each week.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** We will have our Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship service at 6PM.

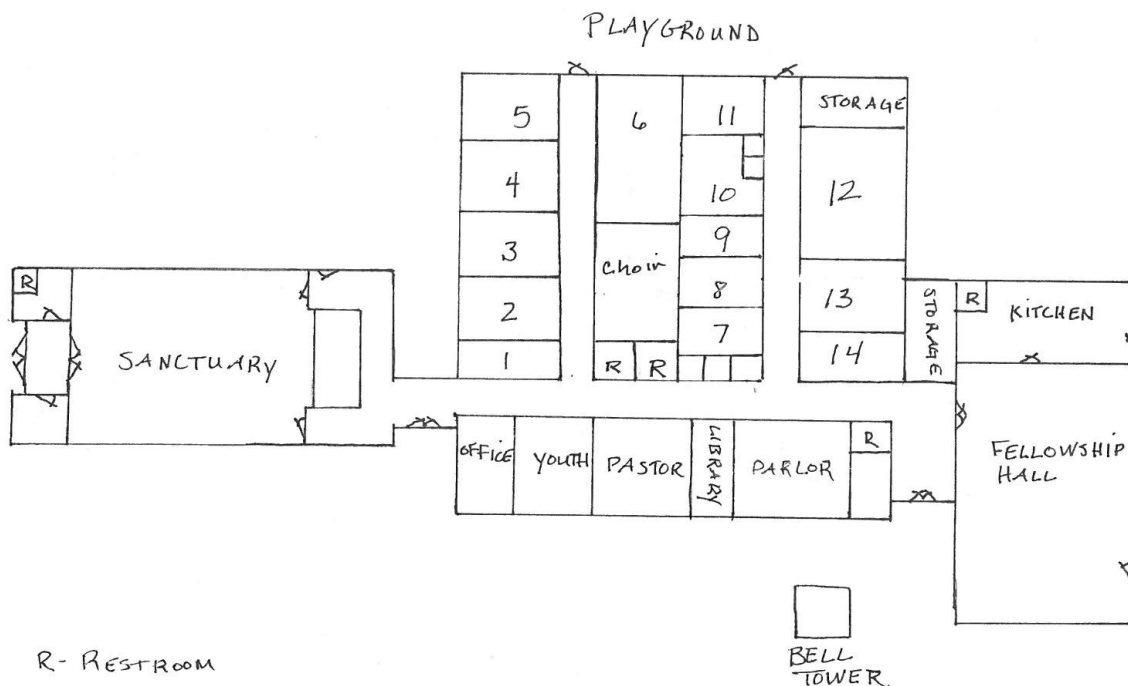


# Visitor Information

Welcome to First ARP Church. If you are a first time visitor, we would like to have a record of your visit with us. Please fill out an attendance card located in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

Childcare is available in room #1 for children age 2 and under at the start of morning Worship. Children ages 3-4 are dismissed to Sunday School following the Children's Sermon. Busy Bags are available at the side entrance of the church during morning Worship. We enjoy the sound of children in Worship, but if you have need of it, a quiet room is available at the rear of the sanctuary. Sunday School for all ages begins at 11:15.

## CHURCH MAP



# Prayer Guide

## **December 7**

Jonathan Williams– Studies and upcoming test, Those grieving during the holidays, Those receiving treatment for health issues

## **November 30**

Esther Shields– Chemotherapy, Will Jones– CT scan on jaw

## **November 23**

Family of Tom Arant, Benny Brazell– Upcoming scans, Sam Huey– Nerve block procedure, Dell Ghent– New treatment for pain, Jay Kaufman (Stacy Pokopac's step dad)- Pacemaker

## **November 16**

Doug Patterson– Continued improvement/ now home, J.B. Powell - Strength during treatments

## **November 9**

Tom & Betty Arant– Health, Benny Brazell– Upcoming MRI, Clovis Steele– Continued recovery, Sheryl Huey– Improving balance concerns

## **Chronic Illnesses**

Tanya McCree

## **Nursing Home/ Shut Ins**

Betty Arant, Pat McEachern, Charles Montgomery, Richard Robinson, Pat Scruggs, Clovis Steele

## **Missionaries**

Phil Baer, Rebekah Carson, Justin & Gillian Brickey

## **Church Planters**

King's Church (Columbia), Arsenal Hill (Columbia)

## **COMMITTEES and CHAIRMEN**

Fellowship– Sam Prete	Outreach– Richard Crawford	Discipleship– Stewart Screpetis
Missions- Sam Huey	Worship– David Pokopac	Building– Doug Patterson
Grounds– TBD	Safety– Walt Watford	Internal Needs– Debbie Dickson

# Financials

<b>November 30, 2025</b>	
Attendance AM	76/6
Attendance PM	25/3
General Fund	\$1,957
Total GF contributions this month	\$35,734
Missions Fund	\$100
Care Fund	\$346
Memorial Fund	\$50

**ONLINE GIVING** If you would like to make contributions online, visit our website at **FirstARPLancaster.org/Giving** to make a one time or repeating contribution. Contact the church office with any questions. If you prefer to download the VancoMobile app, search for “First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church” and use the invite code TPVK5P.



**HOPE FOOD PANTRY** Current food needs: grits, beef stew, Jiffy mix, spaghetti pasta, jelly, & spaghetti sauce. Please bring pantry items and place them on the shelves near the Fellowship Hall. Remember to avoid glass containers and oversized family portions.

# Volunteers

## Childcare      December 7

**10:00**

### Nursery

Available

### Toddlers

Debby Hegler/ Joan Watford

**11:00**

### Nursery

Available

### Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

### Elementary

Glenn Rhyne/ Corinne Brackett

## December 14

### Nursery

Available

### Toddlers

Katey Powell/ Greta Cureton

### Nursery

Available

### Toddlers

Susan Cauthen

### Elementary

Lynn Moore/ Miranda Bohler

## Officers

### December

### January

Captain

Glenn Rhyne

Debbie Dickson

Co-Captain

Richard Shields

TBA

Stewart Screpetis

TBA

Ed Ogburn

Sam Prete

## Staff

Pastor- Rev. Jonathan Williams

Secretary-Mrs. Stacy Pokopac

2025

## Elders

Butch Ghent-VM

Sam Huey- C

2026

Richard Crawford

Sam Prete

2027

David Pokopac

Stewart Screpetis

## Deacons

Susan Cauthen- S

Richard Shields- C

Debbie Dickson

Doug Patterson

Jim Davis-VC

Glenn Rhyne

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